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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR REGULATING DESIRE
FOR SMOKING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 21, 2002

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/06202 which has an International filing date of July 18, 2001, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition is suitable for absorption via oral mucosa.

7. (Amended) The composition according to claim 1 or 2, which is a food composition.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

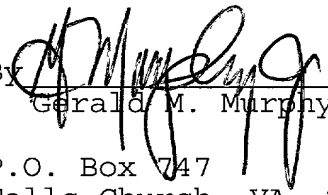
The amendment to the claims is merely to correct improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 4]claim 1 or 2, wherein the composition is suitable for absorption via oral mucosa.

7. (Amended) The composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 6]claim 1 or 2, which is a food composition.

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